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1. NATO. PRAVDA AND RED STAR IN TASS REPORT FROM BRUSSELS COMMENTS THAT PRESENT NATO SUMMIT WILL BE FIRST FOR PRESIDENT FORD. COMMENTARY TIES HIS PARTICIPATION TO FACT THAT U.S. AFTER "WELL-KNOWN EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA" IS STRIVING TO SHIFT CENTER OF ITS MILITARY AND POLITICAL EFFORTS TO WESTERN EUROPE. REPORT CONTENDS THAT THESE EFFORTS COMPLICATING ALREADY EXISTING CONTRADICTIONS WITHIN NATO. IT NOTES THAT CSCE WILL BE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSIONS "THOUGH SUCH REACTIONARY LEADERS" AS LUNS "ALREADY ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PREVENT ITS RAPID CONCLUSION." PRAVDA SIGNED REPORT FROM BRUSSELS MAKES SAME POINTS, AND ALSO SAYS LUNS, IN DISCUSSION OF CSCE AT PRESENT CONFERENCE, "REPEATED THE WORN OUT VERSION OF WESTERN PROPAGANDA ON THE NECESSITY OF "LIBERALIZATION OF HUMAN CONTACTS". IZVESTIYA SIGNED REPORT FOLLOWS SAME LINE SAYING THAT WHILE SUMMIT WILL DISCUSS "QUESTIONS OF EUROPEAN SECURITY" MAIN THEME WILL IN FACT BE "HOW TO ACT FROM POSITION OF STRENGTH IN CONDITIONS OF DETENTE."

2. PORTUGAL. IZVESTIYA REPLAYS EXCERPTS FROM CUNHAL INTERVIEW IN LE MONDE. CUNHAL REPORTED AS SAYING THAT GOVERNING COALITION WITHOUT EITHER SOCIALISTS OR COMMUNISTS NOT POSSIBLE, AND IF COALITION ANSWERING THESE CONDITIONS CANNOT BE CONTINUED, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO FIND ROUTE TO NON-PARTY GOVERNMENT. IZVESTIYA HAS CUNHAL SAYING THAT A MILITARY GOVERNMENT "WOULD NOT BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FREEDOM IN PORTUGAL." RED STAR AND PRAVDA REPORT ENTRY OF NATO VESSELS INTO PORT OF LISBON. IDENTICAL PIECE IN BOTH PAPERS SAYS THAT SHIPS "ARE REGARDED" AS EFFORT ON PART OF GOVERNING CIRCLES OF NATO TO EXERT PRESSURE ON PORTUGAL IN CONNECTION
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WITH BURSSELS SUMMIT. PRAVDA TASS ITEM REPORTS DEMONSTRATION "BY MANY THOUSANDS" ORGANIZED BY COMMUNIST PARTY IN SUPPORT OF AFM.

3. CENTO. SIGNED COMMENTARY IN IZVESTIYA SAYS AMERICAN DELEGATION TO RECENT CENTO MEETING IN ANKARA PUSHED FOR INCREASE IN MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE BLOC. COMMENTARY CONTENDS THAT "THIS INCREASE IN TENSION IN ATMOSPHERE" IS

INTENDED TO SERVE TO STRENGTHEN U.S. PRESTIGE, "NOW SHAKY AS RESULT OF DEFEAT OF REGIMES OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA."

4. GRECHKO SPEECH. GRECHKO SPEECH MAY 29 BEFORE ARMY TRAINING CONFERENCE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS, ACCORDING TO SHORTENED VERSION OF SPEECH PUBLISHED IN RED STAR: IN RECENT YEARS GREAT SUCCESSES ACHIEVED BY USSR IN FOREIGN POLICY. THESE SUCCESSES RESULT OF DEEP CHANGES IN CORRELATION OF FORCES. THESE CHANGES IN TURN RESULT OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF USSR AND "SOCIALIST" STATES IN ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INCREASE OF DEFENSE CAPABILITY. ALSO CAPITALIST WORLD EXPERIENCING SOCIAL DISTURBANCES AS SHOWN IN PORTUGAL, GREECE, CYPRUS, MIDDLE EAST, AND LATIN AMERICA. VICTORY IN SOUTH VIETNAM OVER IMPERIALIST INTERVENTION FURTHER MANIFESTATION OF THE WEAKNESS OF CAPITALISM AND STRENGTH OF "SOCIALIST" STATES. IMPERIALISM NEVERTHELESS INCREASING ITS OPPOSITION TO PROCESS OF DETENTE, AND HAS NOT GIVEN UP PLANS TO SETTLE THE HISTORIC STRUGGLE BETWEEN CAPITALISM AND SOCIALISM BY MEANS OF ARMS. IMPERIALISM PUSHING ARMS RACE, AND "AT THE SAME TIME STRIVING NOT TO REDUCE TENSION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN." IMPERIALISTS GIVE SPECIAL PLACE IN PLANS TO UNITED ANTI-SOVIET FRONT WITH CHINA. CHINESE POLICY IS TO "MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR SOVIET UNION TO CARRY OUT PEACEFUL POLICY, TO PLACE IT IN COMPLEX CONDITIONS BOTH IN THE WEST AND IN THE EAST." FOR THESE REASONS, PARTY REMAINING VIGILANT AND STRENGTHENS COUNTRY'S DEFENSIVE CAPABILITY.

5. MIDDLE EAST. CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS KOSYGIN MET WITH LIBYA'S MINISTER OF PLANNING, VISITING MOSCOW TO DISCUSS COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY. ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-LIBYAN COOPERATION UNCLASSIFIED

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BASED ON THE AGREEMENTS REACHED DURING KOSYGIN'S VISIT TO LIBYA WERE DISCUSSED.

6. ASIA. IN A TYPICAL ANTI-PEKING ITEM, PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORT THE DISCOVERY IN INDONESIA OF A FRAUDULENT TOURIST FIRM WHICH REPORTEDLY SMUGGLED CHINESE FROM THE MAINLAND THROUGH HONG KONG TO INDONESIA. MOSCOW PORTRAYS THESE CHINESE AS "MAOIST AGENTS" AND SEES THE FRAUD AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF PEKING'S ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO SEEK HEGEMONY IN ASIA. STOESEL

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